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EUR FOR AMB EAGLEBURGER

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SUBJ: CSCE-MEETING WITH BERNARDIC

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1. FSFA ASST SECY BERNARDIC CALLED CHARGE IN MARCH 1 TO REGISTER UNHAPPINESS WITH DISTRIBUTION AT CSCE "WESTERN" CAUCUS OYK PAPER WHICH FONSEC MINIC HAD GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR FEB 27 FOR SECRETARY VANCE (REFTEL). MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER, BERNARDIC SAID MINIC HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THE PAPER WAS FOR SECRETARY VANCE PERSONALLY IN ORDER TO ACQUAINT THE USG WITH GOY IDEAS SO THAT THEY COULD JOINTLY SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT PROBLEM. INSTEAD, SAID BERNARDIC, "AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG DISTRIBUTED THE AMENDMENTS THE VERY SAME DAY IN THE SAVA CENTER EVEN BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE RECEIVED MINIC'S PAPER FROM AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER." YUGOSLAVS THEREBY FOUND THEMSELVES IN AN AWKWARD POSITION WITH THE NNAS. NOT ONLY WAS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE AMENDMENTS AT THAT STAGE NOT HELPFUL, ADDED BERNARDIC, BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, IT MADE THE ATMOSPHERE MORE DIFFICULT IN SEARCHING FOR THE SOLUTION. BERNARDIC CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WANTED AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER INFORMED OF HIS REMARKS.

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2. CHARGE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR BERNARDIC'S CONCERN, NOTING AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE HAD FELT OBLIGATION TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG. BERNARDIC SAID THAT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE. WHILE HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG, CHARGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG BELIEVED THAT THE NATURE OF HIS COOPERATION WITH HIS NATO ASSOCIATES REQUIRED IMMEDIATE

RATHER THAN LATER DISCUSSION OF THE YUGOSLAV AMENDMENTS WITH
THE NATO MEMBERS.

3. DEPT WILL HAVE LEARNED OF USDEL'S HANDLING OF THE DOCUMENT
FROM CSCE DEL'S REPORTING.

4. WE INFORMED AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG OF MEETING WITH BERNARDIC.
HE SAID THAT HE HAD SOUGHT TO SEE AMBASSADOR PESIK MONDAY
MORNING BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO.
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